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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Permission to conduct research

I am Sinovuyo Takatshana (student number: 200704473) a University of Fort Hare student doing Master’s Degree in psychology and my supervisor Mr. J. G Kheswa.

This letter seeks permission to conduct research at the high schools in Ntselamanzi and Kwa-Gqumashe villages, which will be randomly and conveniently selected. The title of my topic is “The impact of alcohol on the sexual behaviour of adolescent males in Nkonkobe Municipality, Eastern Cape”. The aims of this research are:

- To determine the correlation between adolescent males’ alcohol use and multiple sexual partners, and
- To examine adolescent males’ drinking pattern in relation to condom use.

Closed-ended questionnaires will be distributed to 500 adolescent males, aged between 13 and 19 years old, in Grade 10, 11 & 12 and the completion of the questionnaires will take approximately 45 minutes. The research will be conducted in an ethical manner that does not put the adolescents involved at risk of harm or being embarrassed Their privacy will be
respected and as the research is voluntary, they may withdraw at any given time from participation without being penalized. None of their friends or educators will have access to their response. Also, there are no wrong or right answers in the questionnaires. We simply ask for their opinions.

The letter similar to this will be sent to the principals of the high school to be identified in Ntsemamani and Kwa- Gqumashe villages.

Your favourable response in this matter will be highly appreciated as the intended period to collect data is between the 20th August 2012 and 24th August 2012. May your response be in writing and addressed to my e-mail: stakatshana@yahoo.com or alternatively be called at 078 013 5972 to collect it personally.

Sincerely,

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